

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING - JUNE 20, 2005

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on June 20, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, 1 N. E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Wa. Mike Shelton, Chairman, and William J. Byrd, Member, were present; Wm. L. McDowell, Member, was absent. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. By unanimous motion, the Board approved the minutes from the Special Session and Regular Session held on June 13, 2005.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board by unanimous motion approved the payroll dated June 15, 2005, and also approved the following vouchers/warrants for payment: Voucher (War.) #215798-216087 \$830,949.91.

Veterans Assistance Fund. Claim #V5-3 was approved by unanimous motion of the Board, as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Review Committee, in the amount of \$977.09. *[emergency financial assistance to eligible veterans; names and specific circumstances are confidential]*.

HIRING REQUESTS & PERSONNEL ACTIONS

As presented by Dick Toft, Human Resources Director, the Board by unanimous motion, approved the following personnel action authorizations:

Dept.	PAA #	Description/Position No.	Action	Eff. Date
Health	048/05	Env. Hlth Spec III #2403.07	Replacement	7-11-05
Health	049/05	Public Hlth Coord. #2408.04	Replacement	10-3-05
Health	051/05	Dept. Asst. [data entry] Temp	Extend until end Dec.	6-20-05
Planning	047/05	Plan. Intern – Temp	New Position – Temp	6-20-05

RE-APPOINTMENT TO NORTHWEST SENIOR SERVICES BOARD

The Board by unanimous motion reappointed Ken O'Mhuan, Freeland, to the Northwest Senior Services Board for another three year term until June 30, 2008.

**RESOLUTION #C- 67-05 IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE
EXCISE TAX ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY FUND**

In accordance with RCW 82.45.180(3)(c) to provide funding the development and implementation of an automated system for the electronic processing of the real estate excise tax, the Board by unanimous motion approved Resolution #C-67-05 in the matter of Establishing the Real Estate Excise Tax Electronic Technology Fund. *[Resolution #C-67-05 on file with the Clerk of the Board]*

**GRANT APPLICATION FOR HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT
FOR ELECTION PROCESS TRAINING AND VOTER OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Board approved by unanimous motion a grant application for submittal to the Secretary of State for Help America Vote Act funding for equipment for election process training and voter outreach program (RM-AUD-05-0069).

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Bids were received on June 3rd for the Island County Administration Building stucco project. Out of six bid packets sent, only one bid was received, which was from Olson Plastering, Inc., Bellingham. As recommended by Dan Sherk, Facilities Director, the Board by unanimous motion awarded bid to Olson Plastering, Inc., Bellingham, in the amount of \$67,752.48.

PRESS RELEASE: APPLICATION PROCESS - RURAL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The Board issued a Press Release with regard to the 2005 application process for Rural County Economic Develop Funds, in summary:

In June of 2002 the Board adopted Ordinance #C-50-02 initiating imposition of a sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.370. This tax is not a new tax, but is deductible from the sales tax normally collected and paid to the State Department of Revenue. *Moneys collected can only be used to finance public facilities serving economic development purposes in rural counties.* In 2004, the State Legislature reaffirmed the goals of RCW 82.14.370 to: *promote the creation, attraction, expansion and retention of businesses and provide for family wage jobs.* Applications for use of the rural economic development funds will only be accepted from Island County, the Town of Coupeville, City of Oak Harbor, City of Langley, or a port district within Island County, on the approved form, on or before 4:30 p.m. August 1, 2005. While other agencies cannot apply directly for the funding, should there be a project meeting the criteria for funding, those agencies may make a request of the county, town, a city or port district within the County for sponsorship and submittal of an application on their behalf. All funds allocated will be made only through the application process. However, there is no obligation or commitment to award any funds in an application cycle. The Board of Island County Commissioners will review the applications received with the other members of the Island County Council of Governments (acting as a committee of the whole). Applicants will be asked to make an oral presentation to the Council of Governments. The Council of Governments will forward a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners will make the final decision to award funds.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS APPROVED

On recommendation of approval by the appropriate County Offices and Departments, the Board by unanimous motion approved the following liquor license applications:

Special Occasion Liquor License #091793 by Goosefoot Community Fund, for a special occasion to be held July 16, 2005, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bayview Corner Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Road, Langley

Special Occasion Liquor License #092151 by Camano Island Yacht Club, July 16, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Camano Island Yacht Club, 129 N. Sunset, Camano Island

REVIEW MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM AUDITOR & TREASURER**Auditor's Report**

Anne LaCour, Chief Deputy Auditor, submitted on behalf of the Island County Auditor, Suzanne Sinclair, the written Auditor's financial report for the period ending May 31, 2005. There were no special notes or concerns called out.

Treasurer's Report

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Lois Rusher, on behalf of the Island County Treasurer, Linda Riffe, submitted the Treasurer's written financial report for the period ending May 31, 2005. Likewise there were no special notes or concerns other than to report status quo.

HEARING HELD: FRANCHISE #169R – MADRONA BEACH COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM RENEWAL OF EXISTING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

At 10:15 a.m. as advertised, Chairman Shelton opened a Public Hearing to consider Application for Franchise #169R (PW-0520-65) by Madrona Beach Community Water System for the renewal of an existing water distribution system within County rights-of-way located in the Plats of Madrona Beach, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Additions, Madrona View, Division #1 and Island Vista, Division #1, in Sec. 34, Twp. 32N, Rge. 2E. Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, presented the recommendation of the Island County Engineer as stated in a June 1, 2005 memo to the Board in favor of granting approval of the franchise as submitted.

At the time of hearing, no one in the audience expressed a desire to speak either for or against the franchise.

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AWARD OF BID FOR ONE (1) 2005 DUMP TRUCK CAB & CHASSIS WITHOUT HOIST AND DUMP BOX

As presented and recommended by Bill Oakes, the Board by unanimous motion awarded bid for One 2005 Dump Truck Cab and Chassis without Hoist and Dump Box, to Motor Trucks in the amount of \$103,801.67, including Washington State Sales Tax and trade-in allowance), and approved purchase of a Dump Body from Northend Truck Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$37,309.89 including Washington State Sales Tax [purchased off Washington State Contract #12304].

CONTRACT/CONTRACT BOND APPROVED - SNELSON COMPANIES, INC. BAYVIEW ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Award of bid having previously been made by the Board, the Board by unanimous motion approved and signed Contract and Contract Bond #PW-0520-272 between Island County and Snelson Companies, Inc. for Whidbey Island Bayview Road Improvements under CRP 98-17, Work Order 229.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT – OTAK, INC - MAIN STREET FREELAND DESIGN CONCEPT

Consultant Agreement #PW-0520-259 between Island County and Otak, Inc. for Main Street Freeland Design Concept, Work Order 188 in the amount of \$46,269.00 was approved by unanimous motion of the Board.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 – SKILLINGS-CONNOLLY, INC. - MONROE LANDING ROAD WIDENING

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Supplemental Agreement No. 3, #PW-0220-30(C) between Island County and Skillings-Connolly, Inc. was approved by unanimous motion of the Board, for the Monroe Landing Road Widening project under CRP 02-03, Work Order 356, with the total amount authorized revised to \$441,934.00, representing the addition of right of way acquisition work to the construction contract for southern portion of the road, and revising completion date to June 30, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 – GEOTEST SERVICES, INC.

Supplemental Agreement No. 2, # PW-0220-41(B), between Island County and GeoTest Services, Inc. was approved by unanimous motion of the Board, amending the completion date to June 24, 2007, with maximum amount payable revised to the amount of \$225,000.00. As indicated by Mr. Oakes, there is no management reserve fund, and Exhibit D-1 Fee Schedule was added for work to be done between June 25, 2005 and June 24, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 – MATERIALS TESTING & CONSULTING, INC.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement No. 2, # PW-0220-40(B), between Island County and Materials Testing & Consulting, Inc. amending the completion date to June 24, 2007, maximum amount payable revised to \$225,000.00. Again, there is no management reserve fund, and Exhibit D-1 Fee Schedule added for work to be done between June 25, 2005 and June 24, 2007.

QUIT CLAIM DEED AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT - MONROE LANDING ROAD

As presented and recommended for approval by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous motion accepted the following Quit Claim Deed and Construction Easement associated with Monroe Landing Road project, CRP 02-03; Work Order No. 356:

Quit Claim Deed – Omer J. Lupien and Jeanne M. Lupien, Parcel 386-0380, Sec. 22, Twp. 32N, R1E., with compensation in the amount of \$5,843.00 (\$1,875.00 for land; \$3,968.00 for improvements)

Construction Easement [mutual benefit] #PW-0502-253 - Omer J. Lupien and Jeanne M. Lupien, Parcel 386-0380, Sec. 22, Twp 32N, R1E.

QUIT CLAIM DEED AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT - CAMANO HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

As presented and recommended for approval by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous motion accepted the following Quit Claim Deed and Construction Easement associated with Camano Hill Road Improvement Project, CRP 02-04, Work Order No. 176:

Quit Claim Deed – James L. Jennings and Mary A. Jennings, with compensation in the amount of \$500.00, Parcel 080-4930, Sec. 11, Twp. 31N., R2E.

Construction Easement #PW-0520-102 [mutual benefit] - James L. Jennings and Mary A. Jennings, Parcel 080-4930; Sec. 11, Twp 31N., R2E.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 – KCM, INC. DBA TETRA TECH/KCM, INC.

Supplemental Agreement No. 3, #PW-0520-271, between Island County and KCM, Inc. dba Tetra

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Tech/KCM, Inc., for the Freeland Planning Area-Comprehensive Sewage Plan, was approved by unanimous motion of the Board, amending completion date to December 31, 2005.

DEED OF EXECUTORY INTEREST – STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY - REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN ISLAND COUNTY - PLAT OF BAYVIEW BEACH GARDENS

As presented and recommended by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous motion, approved Deed of Executory Interest #PW-0420-62 between Island County and State of Washington, Department of Ecology, for Executory interest in real estate situated in Island County in Deer Lagoon, Sections 13/23/24, Twp. 29N, Rge. 2E and Lot 1 and 5 in the Plat of Bayview Beach Gardens.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 – CHUMS OF MAXWELTON SALMON ADVENTURE

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement No. 2, #PW-0320-31(B), between Island County and Chums of Maxwelton Salmon Adventure for the Island County Creek Restoration Planning project, changing the end date to October 31, 2005.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT - UTSALADY OUTFALL PROJECT

The Board by unanimous motion, approved the following Temporary Construction Easement and Drainage Easement related to the Utsalady Outfall Project under Work Order No. 168:

Temporary Construction Easement #PW-0520-261 [mutual benefit] - P. Scott Price and Ann M. Price, Parcel 508-4380; Sec. 21, Twp. 32N., R3E.

Drainage Easement #PW-0520-242 [mutual benefit] - P. Scott Price and Ann M. Price, Parcel 508-4380; Sec. 21, Twp. 32N., R3E.

STORMWATER MITIGATION AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS - PLAT OF HOLMES HARBOR GOLF & YACHT CLUB

The Board by unanimous motion approved the following Stormwater Mitigation Agreements and Covenants related to the Plat of Holmes Harbor Golf & Yacht Club:

#PW-0520-217 - Island Construction; Lot 3, Blk. 3, Division No. 6, Plat of Holmes Harbor Golf & Yacht Club, Sec. 3, Twp. 29N, R2E.

#PW-0520-218 - Island Construction; Lot 4, Blk. 3, Division No. 6, Plat of Holmes Harbor Golf & Yacht Club, Sec. 3, Twp. 29N, R2E.

#PW-0520-219 - Island Construction; Lot 10, Blk. 5, Division No. 8, Plat of Holmes Harbor Golf & Yacht Club, Sec. 3, Twp. 29N, R2E.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 - SCS ENGINEERS CONTRACT

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Amendment No. 6, #SW-05-0065, between Island County and SCS Engineers, for Hydrogeologic Field Characterization and Groundwater Monitoring Network Enhancement, Landfill Gas Investigation, and CDL Landfill Closure Design and Permitting, was approved by unanimous motion of the Board to revise the scope of services.

**HEARING SCHEDULED: ORDINANCE #C-68-05 (PLG-009-05) - ORDINANCE
CONCERNING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ISLAND COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP AND THE ISLAND COUNTY
ZONING ATLAS**

By unanimous motion, the Board scheduled a Public Hearing on Ordinance #C-68-05 (PLG-009-05) in the matter of an ordinance concerning Technical Amendments to the Island County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Plan Map and the Island County Zoning Atlas, for July 11, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. [*Ordinance #C-68-05/PLG-009-05 as introduced this date - GMA Record #8103*].

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN DEARBORN & MOSS PLLC
AND NAN HENRIKSEN**

Pulled from today's agenda at the request of the Planning Director

**HEARING HELD: RESOLUTION #C-69-05 IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE ISLAND
COUNTY WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

A Public Hearing was held at 10:45 a.m. as scheduled, continued from May 23, 2005, to consider adoption of Resolution #C-69-05 adopting the Island County Water Resource Management Plan developed through the 2514 Watershed Process. The Final Draft dated June 6, 2005, with appendices, was before the Board today for adoption.

ATTENDANCE:

Audience: Approximately 15
Press: Eric Berto, Whidbey News Times
 Stephen Mercer, South Whidbey Record
Staff: Keith Higman, Environmental Health Director
 Doug Kelly, Hydrogeologist, Island County Health Department
 Sheilagh Byler Watershed Planner, Island County Health Department
State DOE: Geoff Tallent

[Attendance Sheet Entered as GM/A Record #8104]

Keith Higman reviewed the chronology of events related to watershed planning since Island County's involvement in 1999. The Washington State Legislature developed a three-phase planning process:

Phase I The development of a planning unit;
 Phase II Data collection for identifying a number of issues related to water resource availability and use within a water resource inventory area
 Phase III Planning element/development of local plan.

- In May of 1999 the Board of County Commissioners through resolution developed the WRAC. The planning unit is an entity established through statute with required participants:

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initiating governments, largest city, largest purveyor of water, and in Island County, also the WRAC advisory committee; the State Department of Ecology (DOE) granted a seat to allow an opportunity to participate in each of the incremental decisions in developing the final plan.

- In May of 2001 the Board entered into contract with DOE, including a scope of work for Phase II planning, the collection and analysis of data, based upon groundwater and groundwater resources. Recognizing the statute specifies time completion of the plan, staff and WRAC determined they would include Phase II assessment and Phase III of the plan simultaneously, and the grant contract amended in March 2002 to include Phase III.
- RCW 90.82 specifies a final plan is to be presented to the local legislative authority within four years of the date of receipt of Phase II assessment funds [May, 2001]. May 23, 2005 the plan was presented to the Board; the current contract ends on June 30, 2005.

Mr. Higman made note that over the past four years WRAC met regularly, as an entire committee and through subcommittees, holding 180+ meetings community members attended in support of development of the Plan. WRAC opened itself to other members of the public who contributed as technical advisors. All meetings of the WRAC or subcommittees were publicly advertised and members of the public regularly attended those meetings. WRAC developed a process to bring before the Board issue or topic papers which allowed the Board's participation in the on-going development of elements to become part of the Plan, and allowed WRAC to keep the final plan concise and to the point. Following completion of issue papers, WRAC in March and April, 2005, held three workshops at different locations to receive input from the public on the issue papers, prior to developing the Plan itself. From those three workshops the WRAC released the public review draft on May 9, 2005, having received unanimous support from all WRAC members. The Board held a public hearing on May 23, 2005 to receive public input. To date, 46 oral and written comments have been received on the Plan. WRAC addressed each of those comments, and the comments and responses are included as an appendix to the Plan. The Board has received letters of support for the draft Plan from the following:

- State Department of Ecology, representing DOE's support as well as the support of: State Department of Health, State Department of Community Trade & Economic Development; State Department of Agriculture; State Department of Transportation; State Department of Fish & Wildlife; Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and the Puget Sound Action Team.
- Town of Coupeville
- City of Langley
- City of Oak Harbor
- Whidbey Island Water Systems Association
- Camano Water Systems Association.

Don Lee, Chairman, Water Resource Advisory Committee, recalled that the Board gave the WRAC the responsibility for managing in an advisory capacity water resources in May, 1999 and initially had the responsibility for the Watershed Management Act as well as the Salmon Recovery Act. WRAC concluded the best way would be to divide into subcommittees and tackle various aspects topic by topic. The WRAC believe the plan is very fair and practical, and a plan that can be carried out. Mr. Lee congratulated and thanked County staff from all of the various departments, in particular the Health Department and Doug Kelly, Hydrogeologist, and Sheilagh Byler, Watershed Planner.

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Geoff Tallent, State DOE, reiterated that DOE itself and on behalf of a number of other state agencies as Mr. Higman mentioned supported the Plan. A couple ideas in the Plan he called out as noteworthy within DOE were:

- the idea of the County and State working together to expedite water rights processing
- actions proposed by the County to help protect ground water
- the continued and improved ideas for the excellent collection and management going on in the County which has already been helpful to DOE in processing water rights
- the community based education and outreach the Plan relies on
- very committed community volunteerism and the Plan great opportunity to take advantage of that .

Mr. Tallent indicated that DOE already had built support for this Plan into the staffing and workload in their Water Resources Program. Further, DOE has grant funding available for the implementation. He personally commented that it had been his pleasure for five years to work with extremely well qualified WRAC and other supporting members, as well as competent, professional staff in the County.

Al Udd, although he does not yet live in Island County, but has in the past, on Camano Island, recently received a copy of the June 6 draft, and made the following comments:

Page 3. Recalled that on Camano Island some time back Jack Strickler had a project using alternative energy for electricity, wind generation, and uses a cistern to collect water. He did not see anywhere in the Plan mention of this particular concept.

Page 7. Seawater intrusion. With all the wells drilled on Whidbey Island and the wells used at Rolling Hills where he purchased a piece of property, and having looked at five acre plots where people are drilling wells, he made comment to a staff member of the Health Department about that. Eventually it will come to the point where there just is no more water.

From news reports he learned that the Navy plans to send a number of folks to Island County. Knowing the Navy uses desalinization on ships, in checking some web sites he found interesting comments about some of the studies that have been done on desalinization. He thought it would be timely to get in touch with the Governor as well as the two Senators and ask them to provide assistance in doing something in this area. For the Board and record, Mr. Udd provided copies of some of the information he obtained:

1. Desalination Research Studies Funded by the Texas Water Development Board - showing about eight projects, description, dollar amount committed, and the date completed [GMA Record #8105]
2. Statement of Maryanne Bach, Director, Department of Research and Development, Bureau of Reclamation On Bureau of Reclamation Activities Related to Desalination Research & Development for informational purposes in connection with H.R. 1071 before the U. S. House of Representatives, Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power May 24, 2005 [GMA Record #8106]
3. The Water Desalination Research & Development Program, Newsletter – No. 11 – Summer 1998; Water Treatment and Engineering Group – Bureau of Reclamation-U.S. Department of the Interior [GMA Record #8107]
4. Calendar No. 375 – 104th Congress Report: Water Desalinization Research and Development Act of 1996 /Committee on Environment and Public Works [GMA Record #8108]

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Mr. Udd suggested that Deception Pass would seem to be an excellent area to think about a tidal generator, thus provide some independence from bringing water to Oak Harbor or other areas from Anacortes.

Sherwood Minckler, a member of WRAC, commented on the term "Best Available Science" [BAS]. He thought many people confused BAS thinking it is the last word when in fact it probably is the first word, the extent of knowledge at this point. In order for something to be considered a science it has to be within 98% acceptable limits, as opposed to sudo-science 67% within acceptable limits. In the case of environmental issues he thought that often was someplace in-between and cautioned people to think in terms of trying to get technology close to a true science. There is a lot more work to be done to have a better understanding of water.

John Luechauer, Citizen Member WRAC for the last 2-1/2 years, thanked individuals who made the watershed plan possible. Citizens that live in Island County have to be very grateful to Doug Kelly on Health Department staff who is truly a scientist. He thought the concept of breaking the plan down into topic papers was a brilliant idea. BAS does not necessarily mean that the science is complete, and may mean that there virtually is no science available. His fear is that lay folk who see the term BAS may think it means there has been scientific investigation made which may not necessarily be the case. With the salt water intrusion paper and critical areas recharge maps the science was probably as well developed as it can be given present data. Mr. Luechauer thought the topic paper concept and overall result WRAC achieved had been a very fine effort.

With no others in the audience indicating a desire to comment, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Byrd's comments were as follows:

Page 4, line 21. The statement "... Camano Island makes up approximately 12% of the County's total full time population.." probably is closer to 20% - roughly 15,000 people out of 75,000 county-wide population.

Statement for the Record:

First, I want to thank the members of the Water Resource Advisory Committee (WRAC) for the enormous task they have accomplished. This has been a five year long process and a considerable amount of information has been compiled for the public good.

My concern however has to do with the manner in which Exempt Wells are addressed. Exempt wells are mentioned with negative connotations several times throughout the document. While I agree that more exempt wells are "more straws in the ground" and therefore have the potential for causing impact on the aquifer, there is no justification or record to support the position stated. If there were negative impacts, in my opinion, it would be worthwhile to list them, and possibly recommendations to deal with the impact.

In some measure, the increase in exempt wells is a produce of the Growth Management Act which now requires five acre parcels in the rural zone. To provide a Consolidated Water System Plan for five acre parcels would be extremely costly and unrealistic. Exempt wells in this situation with five-acre parcels appear to be a reasonable solution, and occasionally the only solution available to a homeowner.

I have attended many of the WRAC meetings, and appreciate the hard work what has gone into this product. While I have some reservations about some aspects or statements of the document, I do not believe it is productive to delay.

Again, my thanks to the WRAC members for their hard work.

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[GMA Record #8109]

Chairman Shelton extended his congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the WRAC for the work done over the last number of years. He thought there were probably very few counties that could pull together the quality of volunteers there are in Island County. In terms of developing a plan he believed this represented one of Island County's finest hours. He recalled that the County entered the process with a little fear and intrepidation. The Chairman, Doug Kelly and Keith Higman met with Mr. Tallent and others at the beginning of the process to try to determine how to take the 2514 watershed planning bill and adapt it to Island County. He personally thanked Mr. Tallent and DOE for being willing to adapt the process which really was not written for a county dependent upon ground water, and it speaks well for DOE's willingness to recognize what Island County was up against and the difficulties faced in trying to implement the plan. It was his opinion that Island County probably forged new ground in terms of the topic papers. The fact that the Board was able to approve the plan piece by piece as it went along was something he hoped not only the Health Department, but other departments would use in the future as a way to develop a plan. He said there was no question that water is of critical importance to Island County. He thought Mr. Udd's comments indicative of many people who either live here or anticipate living here: it is unacceptable for the first indication of a water problem to be that nothing comes out of the tap. Chairman Shelton was excited about the chapter on seawater intrusion and thought Island County was truly forging new ground in understanding sea water intrusion. He noted that perhaps as much as it is not good enough that nothing comes out of the tap, it is probably not good enough either that salty water comes out of the tap. Within that topic paper and plan he thought the County had the ability to protect water resource not only from extinction but from salt water intrusion as well. He thought it a great plan and congratulated the WRAC, staff and anyone who had a part in it; an absolutely great piece of work.

Commissioner Byrd moved that the Board approve Resolution #C-69-05 in the matter of adopting the Island County Water Resource Management Plan. Motion, seconded by Chairman Shelton, carried unanimously. [*Resolution #C-69-05 and Plan GMA #8110*]

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on June 27, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. for a roundtable with Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads, followed by other topics at 1:30 p.m.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Shelton, Chairman

William J. Byrd, Member

[absent - Wm. L. McDowell, Member]

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board